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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: **PARTIALLY REINFORCING METHOD AND APPARATUS OF
METAL MATERIAL**
Inventor(s): Hiroataka TODAKA et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 19 pages, including three (3) independent claim and thirteen (13) claims total.
2. Drawings- seven (7) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-15).
3. Claim for Priority with certified copy of Japanese 2003-072152.
4. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), together with PTO Form 1449, and five (5) documents.
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| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 13 | - | 20 | 20 | x \$18 | .. 00.00 |
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Applicants claim the right to foreign priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-072152, filed March 17, 2003, in Japan.

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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